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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. _____

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VAN ORDEN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE—

4 “SECTION 1. No person who has been a Senator for
5 two consecutive terms shall again be eligible to serve as
6 a Senator until the second Congress that begins after the
7 end of such second consecutive term. Notwithstanding the
8 previous sentence, a person who is a Senator during the
9 period beginning with the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-
10 gress may serve as a Senator for an unlimited number
11 of consecutive terms, but shall not again be eligible to
12 serve as a Senator until the second Congress that begins
13 after the end of the person’s final consecutive term of that
14 period.

15 “SECTION 2. No person who has been a Representa-
16 tive for six consecutive terms shall again be eligible to
17 serve as a Representative until the second Congress that
18 begins after the end of the sixth consecutive term. Not-
19 withstanding the previous sentence, a person who is a
20 Representative during the period beginning with the One
21 Hundred Eighteenth Congress may serve as a Representa-
22 tive for an unlimited number of consecutive terms, but
23 shall not again be eligible to serve as a Representative
24 until the second Congress that begins after the end of the
25 person’s final consecutive term of that period.

1 “SECTION 3. For purposes of this article, any term
2 a person serves as a Senator or Representative to fill a
3 vacancy shall not be included in determining the number
4 of consecutive terms that the person has been a Senator
5 or Representative unless the period of time for which the
6 person fills the vacancy is greater than three years in the
7 case of a Senator or greater than one year in the case
8 of a Representative.”.